## HERITAGE BULLETIN BOARD AUGUST 2003

This fall, the Alliance for National Heritage Areas is offering two Heritage Development Institutes in the western part of the country. The first course titled "Heritage Areas: The Basics" is being offered as an affinity session at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Meeting in Denver from 10-2:30 on Wednesday October 1(the first day of the conference). To register for this session, log on to www.nthpconference.org. The second course is an introductory session titled "Heritage Areas: Partnership Basics" to be offered Wednesday November 19 at the Joint Ventures in Partnership Conference in Los Angeles. For more information on this conference and on the heritage area sessions to be offered, keep reading!

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Congress will be returning next week after the summer recess. The Senate will be taking up the Interior budget bill that passed the House earlier in the summer. Of interest to heritage community is the funding allocations for the 23 national heritage areas and future of the designation proposal for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area that was included in the House budget bill. An interior budget is expected early in the fiscal year.

#### **NEW ON-LINE NEWSLETTER**

This August the National Park Service has launched a new monthly on-line newsletter dedicated to news of interest to those who work in the cultural resource community both inside and outside of agency. It will feature a calendar of upcoming events, new publications, grant opportunities and legislative updates. Visit the Website or subscribe on-line at http://www.cr.nps.gov/HeritageNews/. The newsletter joins the newly redesigned publication *Common Ground; Preserving Our Nation's Heritage*, a quarterly magazine that focuses on cultural heritage issues and stories. To subscribe on-line to the magazine go to http://www.cr.nps.gov/CommonGround/.

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY AWARDED BATTLEFIELD GRANT

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District was awarded a grant of \$35,000 from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Grant Program. This grant, one of the largest awarded, will be used to develop a multi-battlefield interpretive plan for the Shenandoah Valley. The plan will provide interpretive information to both residents and visitors. It will also educate landowners, local officials and the public on best practices in resource conservation. Congratulations to Howard Kittell and the Shenandoah Battlefield Foundation.

### JOINT VENTURES: PARTNERS IN STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

Seven federal land managing agencies and their many partners are sponsoring a major conference to explore new ideas in partnership and developing a nationwide network of public places. Scheduled for November 17-20 2003 in Los Angeles, the conference is expected to attract over 2000 attendees over half of them from outside the federal sector. As leaders in partnership strategies, the heritage areas and other heritage programs will be well represented at the Conference with eighteen sessions. Many thanks to the many heritage area executive directors and their partners both in the National Park Service and outside who put together exciting sessions for this upcoming event. A list of heritage area sessions is attached. For information on how to register for the conference and on other sessions go to www.partnerships2003.org.

### ON THE ROAD

After a quiet August your editor will be on the road and in one case on the train in September with trips planned to the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area September 3-4, Ohio & Erie Canal National

Heritage Canalway and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park September 9-10, and to Red Clay Valley in Delaware on September 18th.	